

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3367–3373, and S. Res. 524–525.

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Measures Reported:

S. 565, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–220)

S. 2560, to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–221)

H.R. 1589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–222)

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Measures Passed:

Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5671, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of

the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 63), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 2020; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Victor G. Mercado, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Dana T. Wade, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Joseph Ryan Gruters, of Florida, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2024.

Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2024.

Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2024.

Alma L. Golden, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Ronald Mortensen, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Barbera Hale Thornhill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Donald Lee Moak, of Florida, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2022.

John L. Ratcliffe, of Texas, to be Director of National Intelligence.

Peter M. McCoy, Jr., of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Anna Maria Ruzinski, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

David Christian Tryon, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

47 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Elaine A. McCusker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), which was sent to the Senate on November 13, 2019. **Page S1271**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—63) **Page S1246**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1269.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism: Senators Romney (Chair), Cruz, Graham, Gardner, Paul, Murphy, Cardin, Shaheen, and Kaine.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues: Senators Rubio (Chair), Portman, Cruz, Gardner, Barrasso, Cardin, Udall, Shaheen, and Kaine.

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation: Senators Johnson (Chair), Barrasso, Portman, Paul, Romney, Shaheen, Murphy, Cardin, and Coons.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy: Senators Graham (Chair), Perdue, Portman, Johnson, Cruz, Kaine, Coons, Booker, and Murphy.

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy: Senators Gardner (Chair), Rubio, Johnson, Perdue, Young, Markey, Coons, Merkley, and Udall.

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy: Senators Young (Chair), Romney, Paul, Perdue, Graham, Merkley, Udall, Markey, and Booker.

Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development: Senators Barrasso (Chair), Young, Paul, Portman, Rubio, Booker, Markey, Merkley, and Udall.

Senators Risch and Menendez are ex officio members of each subcommittee.